

# Susanna fair

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Superius  
[Soprano]

Tenor  
[Alto]

Bassus  
[Tenor]

Su - san - na fair some time as - sault - ed was, by two old

Su - san - na fair, some time as - sault - ed was,

Su - san - na fair some time, some time as - sault - ed was by

men, de - sir-ing their de-light, their de - light, which lewd in - tent, they thought to bring to

by two old men, de - sir-ing their de - light, which lewd in - tent, which lewd in -

two old men, de - sir-ing their de - light, which lewd in - tent they thought

pass, if not by ten - der love, by ten - der love, if

- tent, which lewd in - tent they thought to bring to pass, if not by ten - der

to bring to pass, to bring to pass, if not by ten - der love, by force and

not by ten - der love, if not by ten - der love, by force and might, to

love, if not by ten - der love, by force and might, to

might, by force and might, by force and might, to

whom she said, to whom she said, if I your suit de - ny, you will me false - ly ac - cuse and

whom she said, if I your suit de - ny, your suit de - ny, you will me false - ly ac -

whom she said, to whom she said, if I your suit de - ny, de - ny, you will me false - ly ac -

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make me die, and make me die, and make me die.  
-cuse, and make me die, me die and make me die, make me die.  
-cuse, and make me die, and make me die.

And if I grant to that which you re - quest, my cha - sti - ty, shall then de -  
And if I grant to that which you re - quest, my cha -  
And if I grant to that which you re - quest,

-flower - ed be, shall then de - flower - ed be, my cha - sti - ty shall  
-sti - ty shall then de - flower - ed be, my cha - sti - ty shall then de - flower - ed  
my cha - sti - ty shall then de - flower - ed be, shall then de -

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then de - flower - ed be, which is so dear to me, that I de - test,  
be, de - flower - ed be, which is so dear to me, to me, that I de -  
-flower - ed be, which is so dear to me, to me, that I de - test my

my life, my life, if it be - reft - ed be from me, from  
-test, my life, my life, if it be - reft - ed be from me, from  
life, my life, if it be - reft - ed be from me,

me, and ra - ther would I die, and ra - ther would I die of mine ac -  
 me, and ra - ther would I die, and ra - ther would I die  
 and ra - ther would I die of mine ac - cord, of mine ac - cord, of

- cord, of mine ac - cord, ten thou - sand times, ten thou -  
 of mine ac - cord, of mine ac - cord, ten thou - sand times, ten  
 mine ac - cord, ten thou - sand times, ten thou - sand times,

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 -sand times than once of - fend our Lord, of - fend our Lord, than once of - fend our Lord.  
 thou-sand times, ten thou - sand times than once of - fend our Lord, than once of - fend our Lord.  
 ten thou - sand times than once, than once of - fend our Lord, of - fend our Lord.

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